GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1410
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006
DETACHMENT OF BOGIES IN A.P. EXPRESS
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that some bogies of A.P. Express coming from Hyderabad to Delhi were detached near Betal and Ghodadogri station of Madhya Pradesh at the midnight of 24th October;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith loss of lives and properties therein;

(c) whether the Railways` have conducted any inquiry into the said incident; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof and the action taken against the officials found guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1410 BY SHRI GANESH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.11.2006 REGARDING DETACHMENT OF BOGIES IN A.P. EXPRESS

(a): Yes, Sir. A case of parting of 2723 Dn A.P. Express took place at 20.25 hrs. between Ghodadogri and Barbatpur stations of Amla and Itarsi section, Nagpur Division of Central Railway on 24.10.2006. The affected coach was worked out with the same train after re-marshalling.

(b): 2723 Dn A.P. Express passed through Ghodadogri station at 20.40 hrs. and got uncoupled between 13th & 14th coach from the train engine while running in the block section between Ghodadogri and Barbatpur stations as the coupling had given away. After bringing front and rear portion of affected train at Barbatpur, the culprit coach was remarshalled in the rear and worked by the same train upto its destination. There were no loss of lives or property in this incident.

(c) & (d): The incident of train parting in Train No.2723 A.P. Express has been inquired into. The coaches of this rake have been equipped with Center Buffer Coupler (CBC) as against screw coupling in the conventional coaches. The uncoupling of coupler body in one coach of this rake occurred owing to shearing of carrier plate bolts and subsequent falling down of the carrier plate and the coupler pin.

Maintenance guidelines for CBC require examination of the mounting bolts of the carrier plate assembly after every trip during maintenance of the rake and ensure torquing of bolts, if found slack.

Staff of Maintenance Depot, Hyderabad were primarily held responsible for not complying with the above mentioned maintenance guidelines. Action under Discipline and Appeal Rules has been initiated against them.